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New Orleans DA: Papers on JFK slay missing

NEW ORLEANS — Most of the documents amassed by prosecutor Jim Garrison during his controversial investigation of conspiracy in President John F. Kennedy's assassination have been missing for 21 years, his successor said yesterday.

Testifying before the JFK Assassination Records Review Board, New Orleans District Attorney Harry Connick Sr. said four of five filing cabinets believed to contain the records of the investigation were missing when he took over from Garrison in 1974.

"I think the files that were left were rifled and the material taken would be of tremendous interest to the American people and the world," said Connick.

"A lot was taken before we took office, and I think a lot of material is in the custody of people who worked in that office," said Connick, whose son is pop singer Harry Connick Jr.

Oliver Stone's movie "JFK" was loosely based on a book Garrison published in 1990, "JFK: On the Trail of the Assassin." *Reuter*